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VISIONS OF AIR POWER

Cadets observe B-1B bombers flying over Ellsworth Air Force Base during the Joint Dakota Encampment, 7/10/19.

Photo by SSgt David Stockinger



Senior members and cadets of the Pierre Composite Squadron attend a signing ceremony with Gov. William Janklow, circa early 1980s. Photographer unknown



Cadets help ready the SDWG's glider for Aerospace Education Weekend at the Philip Airport, 6/22/2019. Photo by SSgt Shawn Bawden, CAP



Cadet Kyle Clement poses in his replica World War II Civil Air Patrol uniform and aircrew lifevest as members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron look at the Commemorative Air Force's L-5 Sentinel aircraft. After service in World War II in Germany, the L-5, maintained by the CAF's Joss Foss Squadron, was assigned to the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. Photo taken 4/21/2016 by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



A Sioux Falls Composite Squadron aircrew on a low level route survey over northern Kansas skirts an approaching storm system, 5/29/2015. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp



A South Dakota Wing Cessna 182 sits on a glistening tarmac at the Custer Airport after an early morning rainstorm before a SAREX, 7/19/2013. Photo by SSgt David Stockinger, CAP



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Letter from the Editor

*By Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP
 South Dakota Wing Chief of Staff/Outreach*

This is an issue that has taken nearly 70 years to come together.

In my first stint as editor of the "South Dakota Wing Roundup" in the early 2010s, I had wanted to do a mostly photographic issue but didn't get around to doing it.

Now that the duty to edit the magazine has fallen on me after Lt. Col. Bruce Kipp's successful and lengthy run, I decided this was the time to do it.

Through wing historian Maj. Karla West's and members of the Pierre Composite Squadron's efforts, they found a couple of great black and white photos from our past in the 1950s and 1980s. If you have any black and white photos from Back in the Day, please do a high resolution scan of them. Send me as much information as you can about the photo, such as who is in it, where it was taken, and who took the photo. I'd like to feature such a photo in every upcoming issue and produce another photo issue in 2021.

We have some very fine photographers in our wing. Along with Maj. West, SSgt David Stockinger has produced many memorable photos. SSgt Shawn Bawden does an excellent job. Lt. Col. Mike Marek has a great eye. And I don't think I'm too shabby myself. Unfortunately, some of the photographers in this issue have been lost to time. If you are the photographer of an "photographer unknown" photo or I've misidentified the work, please let me know and I'll run an update in the next issue of "The Wing Roundup."

I don't know how many photos I looked at for this issue. Hundreds, maybe even thousands. Again, another shoutout to Maj. West for organizing the wing's photo archives. It made the hunt much easier.

Further, it was easy to get lost in photos and the memories they sparked. I saw our wing's victories, good times, and difficult missions over the years. I saw cadets grow up into senior members. I saw senior members we've had to say goodbye to, who have gone to the Big Squadron in the Sky. I saw pride in the photographs and pride taken by the photographers.

I felt pride to be a part of such an excellent organization with a great history--and a great future.

Also, for the future, for this magazine generally, send me high resolution images. What will work well for a newsletter or social media post may be too small to be used once it is blown up for ink and paper publication. You can always decrease the resolution of a photo but you can't make a low resolution high.

Keep snapping pictures!

One other thing.

The wing is still in need of a Director of Public Affairs. I'm filling in until we find the right person or the right person volunteers.

I think it is one of the most important positions in the wing, as you are in charge of the marketing and "branding" of our organization on a number of platforms, including this magazine, "The Skychaser", social media, special publications, and in helping to plan special events.

The Director of Public Affairs tells the stories of the South Dakota Wing and helps to promote its missions of aerospace education, emergency services, and cadet programs. You'll work with your colleagues across the wing, in the squadrons, and across the spectrum of positions that carry out what we do. I'll help teach you what you need to know.

If you are interested, please contact me at todd.epp@sdwg.cap.gov. 🇺🇸



"Hey, I found Charlie Yeager! Again!" Then Sioux Falls Composite Squadron commander Lt. Todd Epp "finds" the often missing "Charlie Yeager" during a SAREX in Sioux Falls, 8/5/2017. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



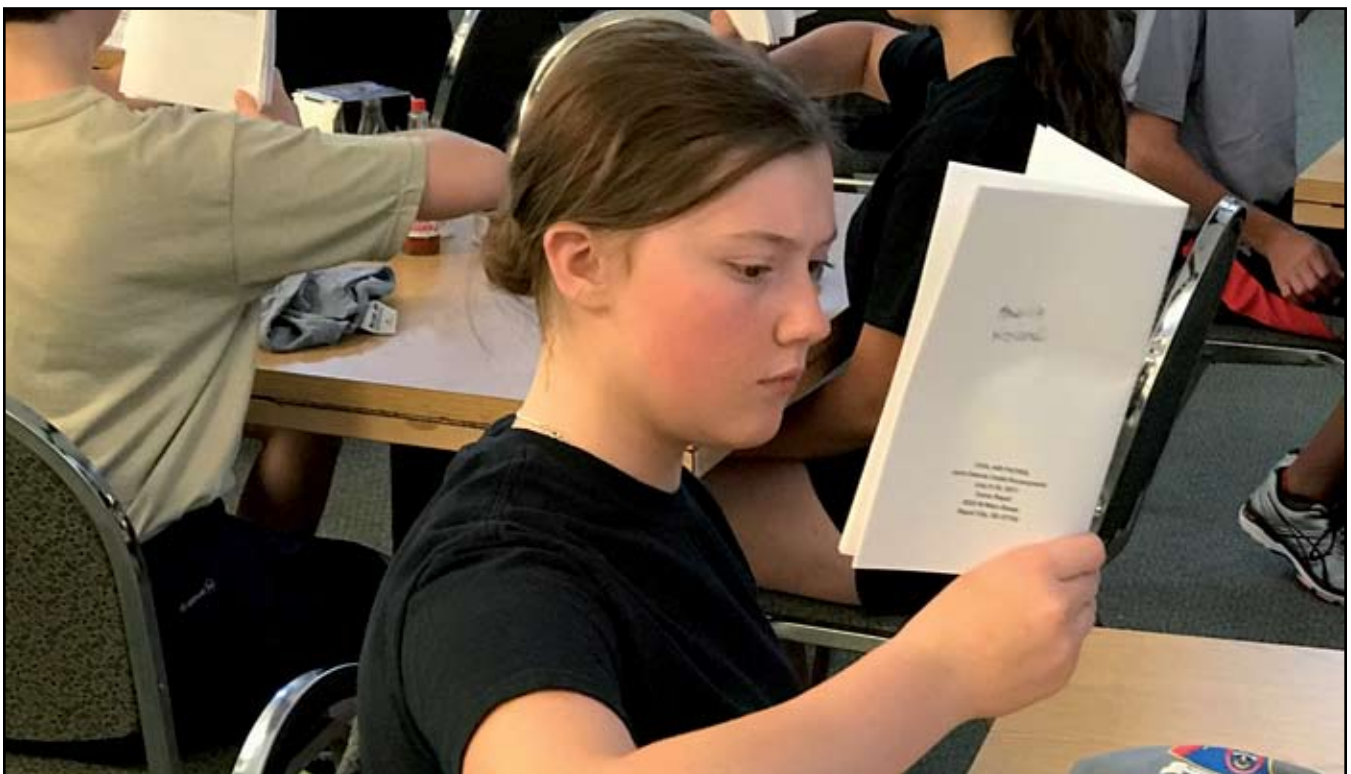
Then U.S. Representative (now S.D. Governor) Kristi Noem judges CAP model aircraft assembled by cadets in SDWG squadrons at the 2015 Wing Conference in Pierre, 4/18/2015. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



Red, white, and blue cupcakes are always a crowd pleaser for Civil Air Patrol Day at the Capitol in Pierre, 1/28/2020. Photo by Maj. Karla West, CAP



Under the SD Wing Commander in 1953, Joseph Floyd, the founder of KELO-TV, a wing-wide radio system was established. The inaugural test broadcast to all squadrons was given by Governor Sigurd Anderson on November 4, 1953 from wing headquarters in Pierre, S.D. Photographer unknown



A general attendee cadet at the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Rapid, S.D. studies her "Knowledge Book" after a meal, 7/8/2017. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



A senior member arranges a braid on then C/1st Lt. (now Maj.) Ashley Ehret at the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Rapid, S.D., 7/16/2011. Photographer unknown



Cadet Peter Willison of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron puts on a fighter pilot helmet and oxygen mask at the S.D. Air National Guard base in Sioux Falls, 8/19/2017. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



Cadets on the flightline for a SAREX vamp in front of one of the SDWG's Cessnas, location unknown, 2/18/2012. Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Marek



Photo of a S.D. Air National Guard F-16 during an intercept mission over Nebraska, 5/2/2019. Photographer unknown



A search and rescue dog tries to encourage a tired cadet at the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Rapid, S.D. 7/15/2013. Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Marek, CAP



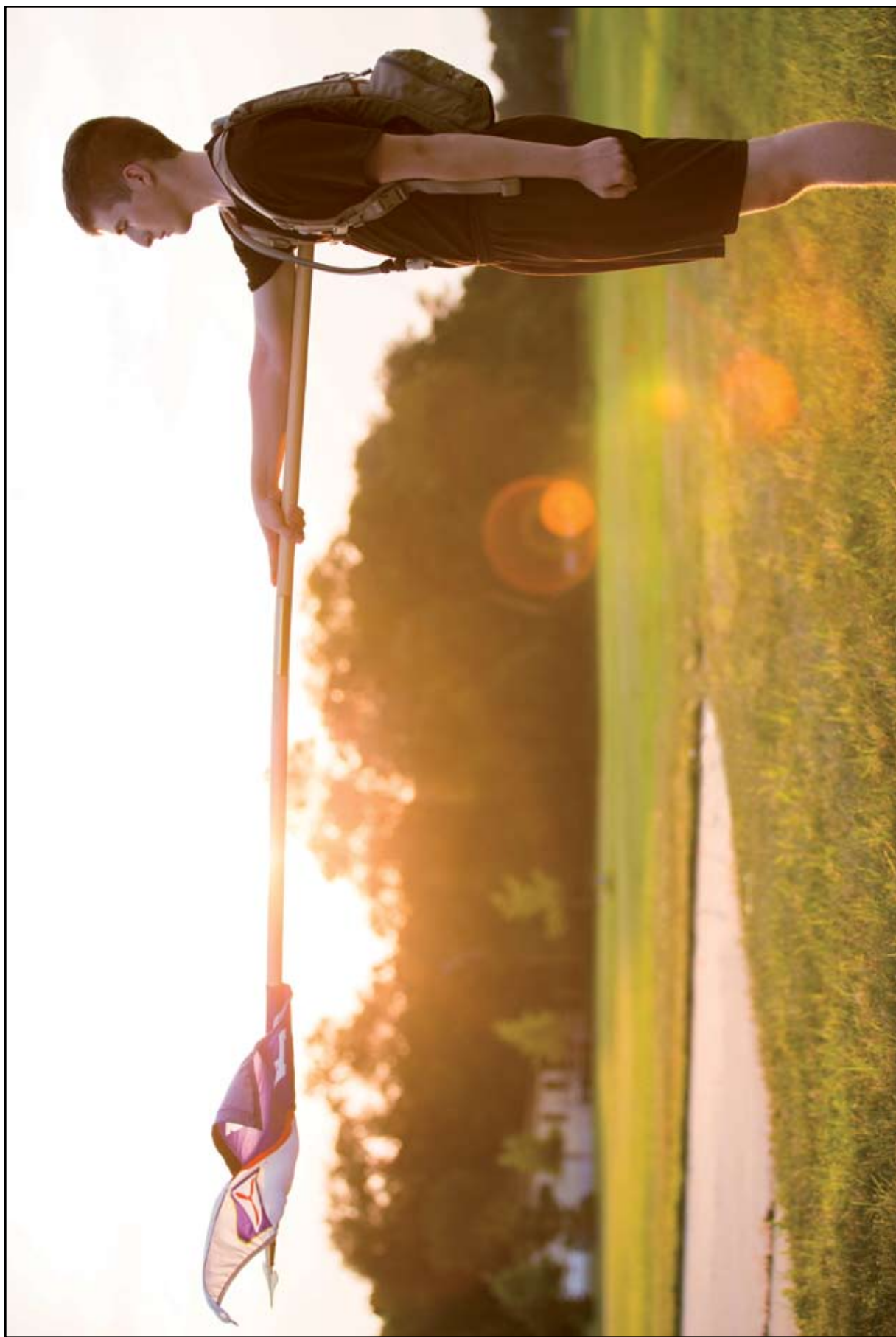
A search and rescue dog and a cadet go nose to nose at the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Rapid, S.D. 7/12/2011. Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Marek, CAP



Cadets rush from their ride in a North Dakota Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Grafton, N.D., 7/16/2014. Photo by SSgt David Stockinger, CAP



A Joint Dakota Encampment cadet staff member observes his charges during an activity at Camp Rapid, S.D., 7/12/2011. Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Marek, CAP



A cadet holds out a guidon at the evening flag ceremony at the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment at Camp Grafton, N.D., 7/18/14. Photo by SSgt David Stockinger, CAP



Heavy rain and flooding on the Big Sioux River inundate Huset Speedway west of Brandon, S.D., 9/14/20. Photo by Maj. Karla West, CAP



"We've come a long way, baby!" This is one of the first drones acquired by the SDWG by the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron from NHQ. It had to be assembled. There were no instructions on how to wire the motors, 6/17/17. Compare that to the fleet of sophisticated DJI sUAVs that the SDWG uses for search and rescue and aerial photography and mapping missions. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp, CAP



“Recruits” from the Pierre Boys and Girls Club who participated in a SDWG external aerospace education event at the S.D. National Guard Museum in Pierre salute Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, 8/8/2014. Photo by Lt. Col. Todd Epp



Aerial photo of the new Yankton Missouri River Bridge (top) and the old Meridian Bridge during a SAREX, 5/7/2012. Photographer unknown



Maj. (then Capt.) Karla West and a Sioux Falls Composite Squadron cadet place American flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls, 5/23/2014. Photo by SSgt David Stockinger, CAP



A South Dakota Wing Cessna 172 prepares to taxi on a wet tarmac at a SAREX at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport, 8/23/2014. Photo by SSgt David Stockinger, CAP



2nd Lt. Rudil Trias (left) and his son, C/TSgt Mitchell Trias (right), both from the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, pose with Gov. Kristi Noem at the Capitol in Pierre during CAP Day at the Legislature, 1/28/2020. Photo by Maj. Karla West, CAP



Lt. Col. Manny Steele was also State Rep. Manny Steele (R-Sioux Falls), 1/28/2020. Lt. Col. Steele was the SDWG's Legislative Liason for a number of years and recruited nearly all the state's 105 legislators into the South Dakota Legislative Squadron. Photo by Maj. Karla West, CAP



Sometimes the best laid plans go astray. Joint Dakota Encampment cadets pose in front of Mount Rushmore while a young tourist darts through the care-fully staged photo, 7/18/2013. Photo by Lt. Col. Mike Marek, CAP



A nearly overhead aerial view of the State Capitol in Pierre during a SAREX, 4/6/2019. Photographer unknown